

REMARKS

Claims 53-60 and 63 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, the specification and claim 53 are amended. Support for the amendments to the specification can be found, for example, in the original specification page 29, lines 3-6. Support for the amendments to claim 53 can be found, for example, in original claim 53. No new matter is added. In view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Amendment to the Specification

By this Amendment, the instant specification is amended to correct a typographical error in formula (V) on page 29. The "E" in the left alternative structure of formula (V) is changed to "D". This change is supported by the subsequent sentence, which states, "A may be B with the proviso that, if A is B, D is E" indicating that the substitution pairs for the ketopyrrole on the open ring may be either A and D or B and E. No new matter is added.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112, First Paragraph**A. Written Description**

The Office Action rejects claims 53-56, 59, 60 and 63 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

The Office Action asserts the statement in claim 53, that "D and E are each independently of the other hydrogen..." is not supported by the written description because it does not state that E may be hydrogen.

Claim 53 is amended to recite, "D and E are each independently of the other a group of formula..." thus obviating the rejection. Claims 54-56, 59 and 60 are rejected solely for their dependency from claim 53.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

B. Enablement

The Office Action rejects claims 53-60 and 63 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

The Office Action asserts the left alternative structure of formula (V) in claim 53 shows the ketopyrrole group substituted by A and E, however the written description only describes a substitution whereby the ketopyrrole group is substituted by A and D or B and E, not A and E.

By this Amendment the "E" in the left alternative structure in formula (V) of claim 53 is changed to "D" thereby showing a ketopyrrole substitution that is enabled by the written description, thus obviating the rejection. Claims 54-60 and 63 are rejected solely for their dependency from claim 53.

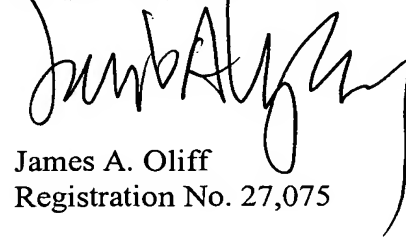
Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 53-60 and 63 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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